

Semi-Handmade Farmers Market Crochet Money Belt

This is for a 30 inch belt, which fits a waist 22-25. Add length or decrease length to fit your shopper.

The belt should be 1 inch wide before you add the crocheted edge all around. And a little more than 1 inch after you add the edging.

Materials:

Left over yarn (I used a blue Patagonia Cotton and a thin ribbon combined)

One Large Button, I used a wooden toggle button

A 1 inch Metal D-Ring

Crochet Hook (I Used a size K)

Gauge: A tight 5 -6 single crochet to the Inch (a tight gauge gives this more strength)

How To:

Make a base chain of 7 chain stitches (6 base stitches plus one turning chain)

Single crochet into each of the 6 base chain stitches, use one turning chain at the end of each row to bring yourself up to the next row. After you turn to go back remember to skip the first stitch as this is your turning stitch. Repeat.

Check the width of your belt and it should be close to 1 inch wide.

When your belt measures 6 inches long then - at the end of the next row add a chain of 26 chain stitches (this is 25 base chain stitches added plus one turning chain). You are adding on your "pocket" to the belt.

Turn and go back single crocheting into each stitch (skip the first one as it is a turning chain), at the end of that row add one chain stitch plus one turning stitch. You are starting the triangle shaped flap for your pocket. Turn and go back. Repeat until your pocket measures 2.5 inches (half way point). Then instead of adding one stitch at the flap side, decrease one stitch by not adding a turning stitch any longer. When you are back to the width of your belt plus just the 5 inch pocket on one side then - single crochet along the original 5-6 stitches. Then extend this portion with additional rows of single crochet until it is another 21 inches for a total belt length of 32 inches.

Tie off your yarn. Using a large needle weave in ends.

Fold your pocket over and pin it down to the belt. See fold mark which is on the pocket on the diagram. Single crochet the entire edge of the belt all the way around and around the pocket itself catching both sides to secure the two sides of the pocket. Do not single crochet the edge of the bottom of the pocket.

At the tip of your triangle flap attach an 8 ½ inch braided piece of your yarn or connect your yarn again and crochet a single chain 8 ½ inches long. You will use this to wrap around your button when you close your pocket.

Sew a large button right in the middle of your pocket exactly where the triangle flap when folded over lands on the pocket.

At the short side of the belt, the side that is only 6 inches before the pocket- attach the D Ring by folding the belt over/thru the two Rings and using a large needle and leftover yarn sew the flap down. See fold mark on diagram.

Now – you are ready to go to the market.